

A New Beginning

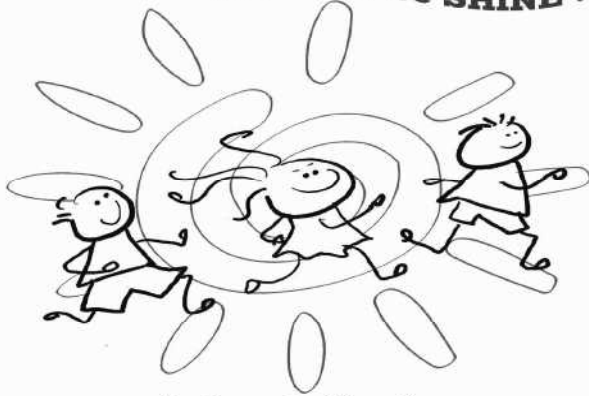
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"A New Beginning"
at the Meyerholz Walkathon

Friday, October 16th
1:30 - 6:00pm

****Please read carefully****

Please have you child color or decorate the cover page and return the page to school before **Monday October 12th, 2009**

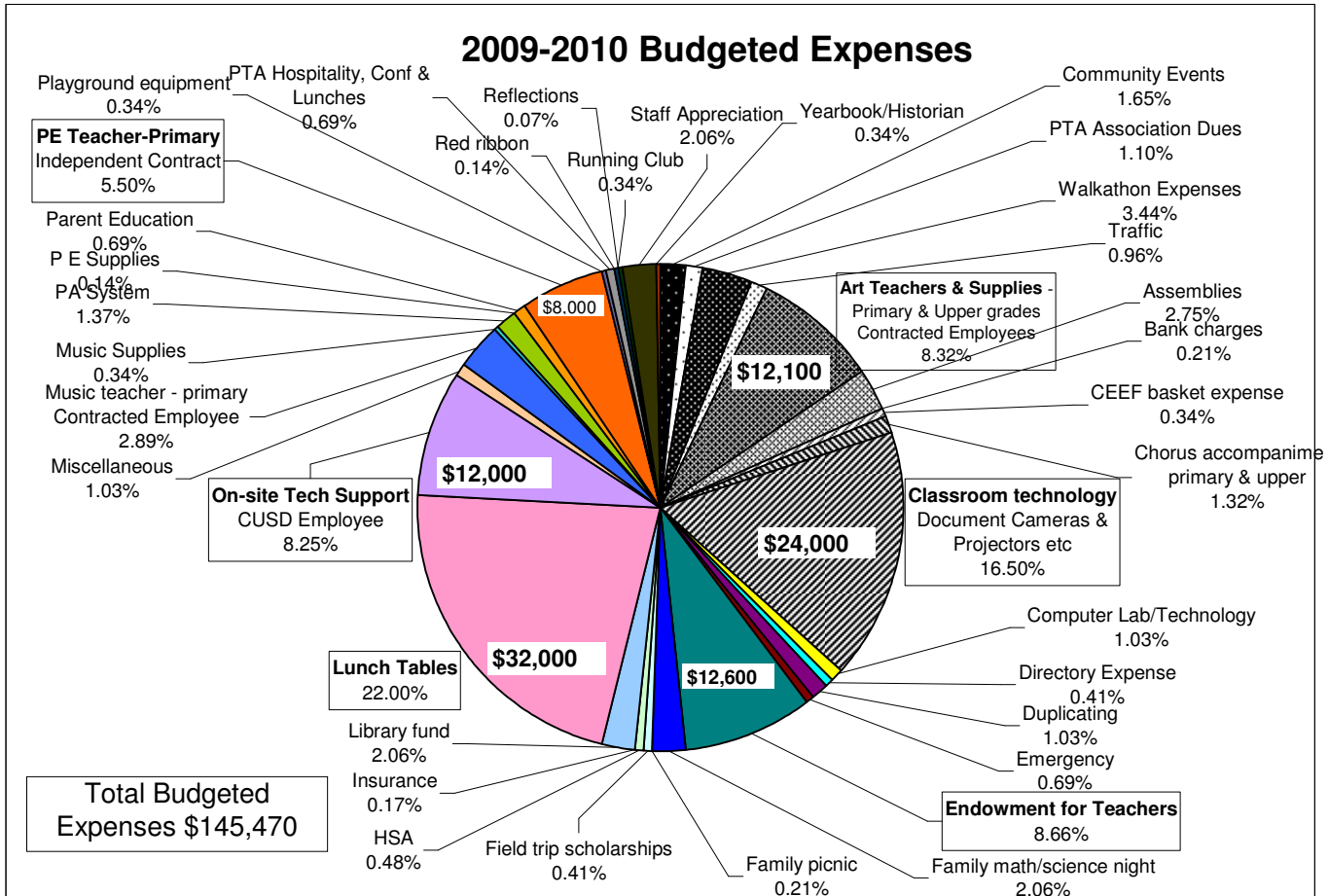
The Walkathon is a school-wide event held every year at Meyerholz. It is the major fundraiser for our school! This year, we need to raise *\$40,000 to reach our goal of continuing to provide quality programs for all our children. This is particularly important this year due to anticipated state budget cuts which may mean our school will have less money than in previous years.*

PTA funding supports:

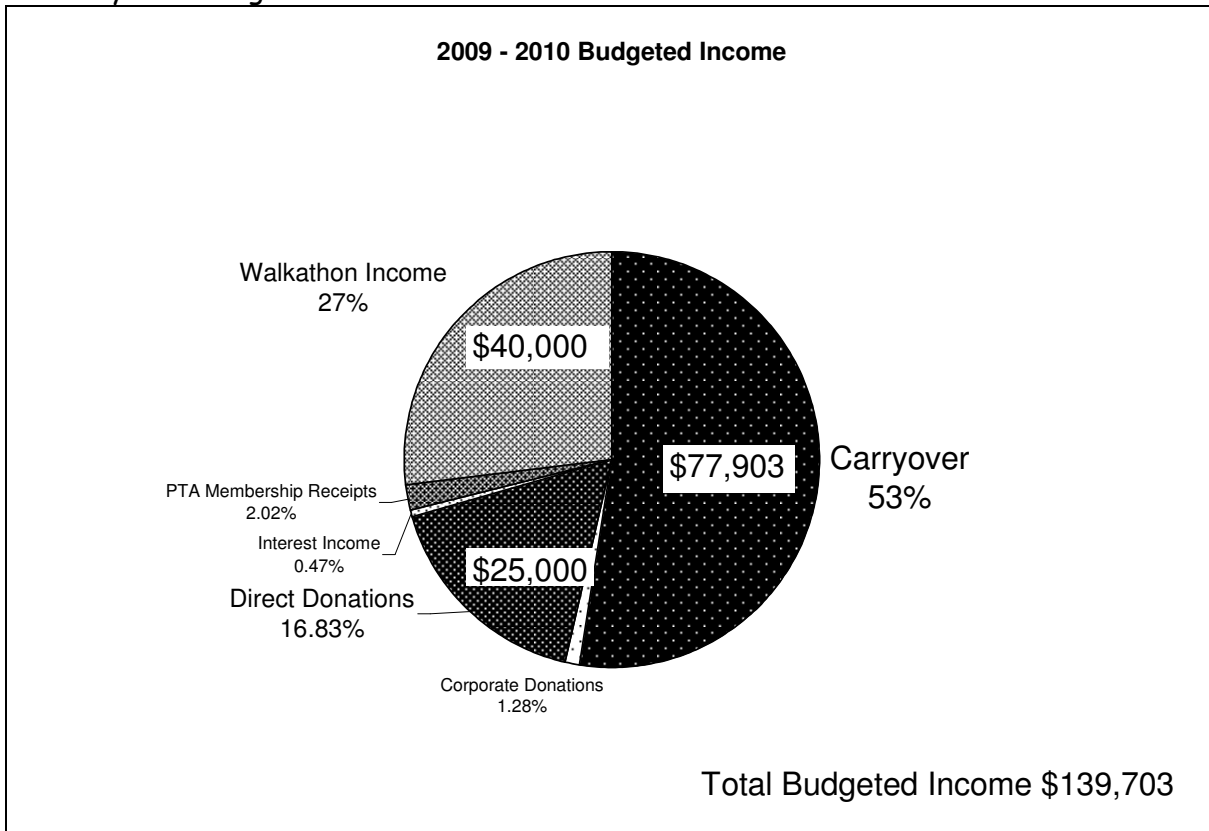
- Art for every class
- Physical Education (P.E.) for primary grades
- Parent education speakers and educational family math/science nights
- Playground and P.E. equipment for all children
- Primary music program
- New books and supplies for the library and for classrooms
- Technology upgrades for our computer lab; classroom technology
- Opportunities for all students to participate in Meyerholz's distinguished enrichment events such as school-wide assemblies, running club, chorus etc.
- Teachers endowment funds: enables teachers to buy classroom supplies; teacher appreciation events

This year Walk-a-thon funds raised will also be used for new lunch tables for our students and document cameras and digital projectors for the classrooms.

Below is this year's budgeted expenses :



Below is this year's budgeted income :



The Walkathon will be held from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. The first hour is P.E. time for the children. The PTA provides water and otter pops for the students as they walk throughout the afternoon. There are games and snacks for students and their siblings to buy and play between laps. Pre-order meals are available for purchase in advance. Parents may walk with students.

Each student will receive a Walkathon Sponsor Packet on Thursday, October 1st. Attached to the packet will be a Sponsor Pledge Form. Please have your child write down the information of the persons who are willing to sponsor him/her for the Walkathon along with the amount that is pledged. The amount entered for the pledge should be a fixed donation and not a per lap amount. Money should be collected immediately. Please have your child bring the envelope with the collected money back to school on Monday October 12th. In order to achieve our goal of \$40,000, we need every student collects a minimum of \$60.

All kindergarten parents/guardians should bring their children to the Check In/Out table any time at 2:30pm to participate. All students must have a responsible adult on campus after school is dismissed. Please turn in your permission slip by 4:00pm on Monday, October 12, 2009.

Finally, we need **VOLUNTEERS** on Walkathon Day. We have jobs for everyone! Please fill out and return the attached Volunteer Form. If you have any questions, please contact: Wendy Chew/Mandy Hedrick at meyerholzwat2009@googlegroups.com.

Please note: Every student must have at least \$10.00 in pledges for him/her to earn lap prizes.

"A New Beginning " Walkathon

Friday, October 16th 1:30 - 6:00pm

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, October 1 st	Walkathon Kick-off Assembly for students Sponsor sheets go home
Thursday, October 5 th	Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets Due
Monday, October 12 th	Sponsor sheets and money due at 4:00pm

Friday, October 16th	Walkathon Day! (See attached schedule for times of events)
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Tuesday, December 17th Awards Assembly for students

Rules and General Information

Who may participate?

1. All Meyerholz students and staff.
2. Relatives and friends of Meyerholz students are welcome. A minimum \$10 pledge and signed permission slips are required in order to receive a lap card to walk. Only children are eligible for walking prizes on the day. Laps walked by siblings and parents do not count towards any other awards.
3. Students who are unable to attend the Walkathon can still participate by contributing a flat donation which counts towards the \$\$ Club prizes if it meets level requirements and counts towards class averages. (See Awards and Incentives for further information)

Sponsor Sheets:

1. Sponsor sheets will be sent home with each student on **October 1st**. Extras will be available at the school office.
2. The parent or guardian giving permission to walk **MUST** sign the permission slip.
3. Please **do not** go door-to-door soliciting donations. Please approach family and friends to be sponsors.
4. *Many companies provide charitable matching programs.* Don't forget to see if your company will match the funds donated.
5. Sponsor envelopes and collected money are due Monday, October 12th at 4:00pm for processing.

Sponsor envelopes must have a minimum total donation of \$10.00 to be eligible for prizes.

Lap Cards:

1. Lap cards will be issued on Walkathon Day in the classroom to those who have a sponsor card with a signed the permission slip on file.
2. Walking will begin at 1:30 p.m. for all but PM Kindergarten.
3. Kindergarten students will follow their normal daily schedule. AM Kinders will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. and are encouraged to come back at 1:30 p.m. to walk with a responsible adult. They may not be left alone. PM Kinders will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. and are encouraged to join the walk already in progress with an adult. All Kinders should go to the Check In/Out desk to receive their lap card before walking.
4. Students must carry their own lap card and do their own walking.
5. Walkers proceed around the course as many times as they can from **1:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** Lap cards are punched once for each lap as they pass the lap punchers. Four laps equal one mile.
6. If you walk 40 laps and wish to walk more, go to the Check In/Out Desk to be issued an additional lap card.
7. The walker is responsible for keeping the lap card readable and dry. Lost or mutilated cards will not be replaced.
8. If you leave the Walkathon for any reason (for example at the official end of the school day), you must turn in your lap card to the Check In/Out desk. The card will be given back to you when you return, so you may continue walking. You will not be given a new card.
9. All lap cards **must** be turned in to the Check In/Out desk by 6:00 pm on Walkathon Day.

Important: Please do not take the lap cards home.

Schedule of Events on Walk-a-thon Day

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
The Walk (Student without permission slip must be picked up at the usual dismissal time)	1:30 - 6:00
Water and otter pops available for walkers	2:00 - 6:00
Food	4:00 - 5:45
Carnival Games	3:00 - 6:00
Bake Sale/Cotton Candy	3:00 - 6:00
Drawing	3:00 - 6:00
Reflections "Beauty is..."	3:00 - 6:00
T-shirt/Yearbook order	4:00 - 6:00

We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us to support our children as they do their best to raise money for their school.

Awards and Incentives

Walk-a-thon Day:

1. Water is available whenever the student needs a drink.
2. Otter pops are available at 4 lap increments.
3. Walking prizes are given at various lap increments. See the table below for details. These prizes are handed out when the student (walker) finishes walking for the day, at the Check In/Out table.
 - **Remember: Every student must have at least \$10.00 in pledges for him/her to earn lap prizes.***

<i>Grade level</i>	<i>Laps Receiving Prizes</i>
Kindergarten/First Grade	1 lap, 3 laps, 6 laps, 10 laps, 15 laps, 20 laps
Second/Third Grade	1 lap, 4 laps, 8 laps, 12 laps, 18 laps, 24 laps
Fourth/Fifth Grade	1 lap, 6 laps, 12 laps, 20 laps, 28 laps, 36 laps

4. Each student who raises \$60 or more will receive the \$\$ Club prizes. Prizes will be given according to the following levels when the student turns in all of the money that he/she raises from sponsors.

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<i>Levels</i>	<i>\$\$ Club Level</i>
1	\$60 - \$99
2	\$100 - \$199
3	\$200 - \$499
4	\$500 - \$799
5	\$800+

Classroom awards -- one each for primary grades (K-3) and upper grades (4-5)

1. The classrooms with the highest AVERAGE number of laps per student receives a party.
2. The classrooms with the highest AVERAGE amount of money collected per student receives a party.

Awards Assembly -

To be eligible for any award, all pledge money and accompanying sponsor sheets must be returned by Monday, October 12th.

1. The student who walks the most laps in each grade level will receive a medal.
2. The student who walks the most laps from the entire school will receive a trophy.
3. The student who raises the most money in each grade level will receive a medal.
4. The student who raises the most money from the entire school will receive a trophy.